

InMotion

Bicycle / Pedestrian Vision Newsletter

Governor Christine Todd Whitman • Commissioner James Weinstein

39 towns to get \$7,861,800 for bicyclists; 21 to receive \$1.5 million for pedestrians



Let Safety Rule.
It's A Smart Move.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) funded \$7,861,800 for bicycle projects in 39 towns and \$1.5 million for pedestrian projects in 21 towns for Fiscal Year 1999.

Municipalities submitted applications for bicycle and pedestrian projects as part of the Municipal Aid Program. Funding comes from the \$10 million in the Transportation Trust Fund Discretionary Program that

is earmarked for bicycle projects and the \$1.5 million earmarked for pedestrian projects.

Besides reaching out to all municipalities, NJDOT's Division of Local Government Services and Economic Development also invited all 21 counties to submit applications for county bicycle projects as well.

The following are the projects awards:

Bicycle Projects



Municipality	County	Award
Pleasantville	Atlantic	\$ 128,000
Absecon	Atlantic	195,000
Fair Lawn	Bergen	60,000
River Vale	Bergen	37,000
Oradell	Bergen	190,000

Pedestrian Projects



Municipality	County	Award
Mullica Township	Atlantic	\$ 50,000
Leonia	Bergen	20,000
Norwood	Bergen	50,000
River Vale	Bergen	50,000
Mahwah	Bergen	50,000

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Coming This Spring

NJDOT to solicit applications for bicycle/pedestrian projects...

NJDOT's Local Government Services and Economic Development Division (LGS&ED) will once again solicit applications from municipalities and counties for funding of bicycle/pedestrian projects. This year, instead of earmarking Trust Fund discretionary dollars, a separate program category for locally initiated bicycle and pedestrian improvements will be established.

... and recommend enhancements

Every municipality and county received transportation enhancement application packages in March. The Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee will apply the selection criteria to these applications and recommend projects for approval by the Commissioner of Transportation.

This is a federally funded program in which 10% of the Surface Transportation Program category of funds is set aside for projects designed to preserve and protect environmental and cultural resources and to promote alternative modes of transportation.

From 1993 to 1998, a total of 93.53 miles of bicycle, pedestrian and trails projects were funded under this program.

Bicycle Projects *(continued from page 1)*

Municipality	County	Award
Maywood	Bergen	40,000
Norwood	Bergen	140,000
Waldwick	Bergen	35,000
Burlington	Burlington	114,000
Medford	Burlington	230,000
Lindenwold	Camden	256,000
Camden (City)	Camden	172,000
Gloucester	Camden	279,000
N. Wildwood	Cape May	23,000
Millville	Cumberland	137,000
Commercial	Cumberland	200,000
Roseland	Essex	5,000
Clayton	Gloucester	149,000
Monroe	Gloucester	360,000
Readington	Hunterdon	100,000
Princeton	Mercer	63,000
Lawrence	Mercer	150,000
East Windsor	Mercer	316,800
Middlesex Borough	Middlesex	50,000
Sayreville	Middlesex	700,000
Highlands	Monmouth	20,000
Randolph	Morris	430,000
Rockaway Borough	Morris	35,000
Rockaway Township	Morris	15,000
Jefferson	Morris	50,000
Brick	Ocean	832,000
Little Falls	Passaic	75,000
West Milford	Passaic	500,000
Bedminster	Somerset	545,000
Bernards	Somerset	140,000
Franklin	Somerset	150,000
Hillsborough	Somerset	140,000
Bridgewater/Raritan	Somerset	300,000
Rahway	Union	500,000
TOTAL		\$ 7,861,800

Pedestrian Projects *(continued from page 1)*

Municipality	County	Award
Edgewater Park	Burlington	52,000
Magnolia	Camden	18,000
Fairfield	Essex	90,000
Newark	Essex	100,000
Washington	Gloucester	135,000
Hightstown	Mercer	70,000
Brielle	Monmouth	100,000
Deal	Monmouth	150,000
Netcong	Morris	40,000
Dover Town	Morris	100,000
Dover Township	Ocean	150,000
Elmer	Salem	30,000
Somerville	Somerset	75,000
Franklin	Sussex	90,000
Newton	Sussex	40,000
Hackettstown	Warren	40,000
TOTAL		\$1,500,000



In Motion reports on NJDOT's ongoing bicycle and pedestrian programs as well as our progress in achieving Governor Whitman's New Jersey FIRST bicycle and pedestrian initiatives. The Governor's commitment to improving pedestrian safety and to add 2,000 miles of bicycle accommodations over the next ten years is being addressed in a variety of ways.

For more information or to submit ideas for this newsletter, please call: Bill Feldman, NJDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Advocate at 609-530-8062 or Rose Ann Scotti, Executive Staff Associate, 609-530-4284.

Funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration.

NJDOT completes concept studies on Routes 46, /1

NJDOT has received the results of bicycle and pedestrian safety studies on Route 46 in Denville and Route 71 at Monmouth University in Long Branch.

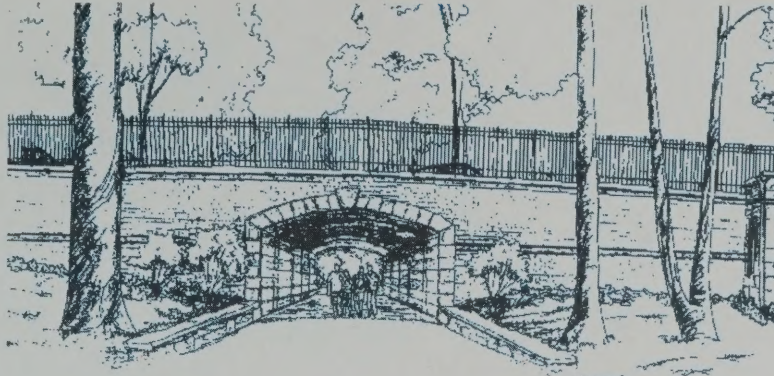
Route 46, Denville: The RBA Group analyzed bicycle/pedestrian access and safety of the Route 46 intersection at Franklin Road in Denville. This area has a high volume of pedestrian activity, generated by Gardner Field, the elementary schools, a residential community and the central business district.

The consultants assessed existing conditions and recommended options to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists more safely. As part of the proposed intersection improvements, the NJDOT's Division of Research and Technology will conduct an 18-month study of a new pedestrian crosswalk warning and detection system. The new technology will be installed in the next six months.

Route 71, Monmouth University: University students must frequently cross Cedar Avenue (Route 71 in Long Branch) when traveling between dormitories and other campus facilities. This single

pedestrian crossing is heavily used and is a source of complaints by both students and motor vehicle operators.

At the request of the University and several local Legislators, the Department commissioned Lehr and Associates to do a concept development study of the area. Alternative concepts for improving the pedestrian crossing were developed and analyzed.



This is a conceptual rendering of the pedestrian underpass, a potential solution to the Route 71 crossing at Monmouth University.

It was determined that only a pedestrian overpass or underpass could provide a solution to the needs at this location.

In accordance with the Department's commitment (and official policy) to bring local stakeholders into the decision-making process, the West Long Branch and Long Branch governing bodies were

presented with an overview of the project and their input sought on potential solutions.

As the project advances, there will be a continuing open dialogue with the university and the affected communities to ensure that all issues are identified and resolved.

Planning Updates

COMPLETED. Bicycle/pedestrian planning studies have been completed for **Ocean City, Blairstown, and Audubon.** Throughout the process, consultants and NJDOT project managers worked with community leaders to define the scope of the project and to review and refine recommended solutions that accurately reflect the needs of the municipality. Final reports include an estimate of the capital costs for implementing the proposed projects and suggested funding sources.

UNDER WAY. Studies are currently under way in **Fair Lawn, Morris County, Westfield, and Lambertville.**

DELAWARE RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL. Representatives of the NJDOT, Delaware River Greenway, D & R Canal Commission, Delanco Township, Cinnaminson Township, Delran Township, Trenton and Parks and Forestry met on November 24, 1998. They familiarized the consultant with the background of the **Delaware River Heritage Trail** project and its progress under the auspices of the National Park Service.

The concept is to construct a loop trail from Morrisville to Philadelphia in Pennsylvania and Trenton to Palmyra in New Jersey, crossing the river via the Tacony-Palmyra and Calhoun Street Bridges. This planning assistance from the NJDOT will refine the trail route through the New Jersey communities so that one continuous path will evolve.

Department to track Governor Whitman's initiatives

The NJDOT has begun to identify and develop projects which directly provide improved accommodations for bicycle travel. This is in response to the Governor's challenge to construct 2,000 miles of bicycle accommodations over the next decade.

We have gathered data on more than 120 projects that are to be included in the 2,000 mile tally. This information is being used to create geographic information system files for mapping.

We are also compiling data on the pedestrian projects selected for funding under the \$1.5 million Discretionary Aid earmark in both FY '98 and FY '99 and will continue to track the implementation of these pedestrian safety initiatives as well.

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Urbitran identifies high hazard locations

Through research done by its consultant, Urbitran, NJDOT has identified high-hazard pedestrian crossings, five of which were studied in detail. All the sites are on county and local streets.

The consultant visited each of the top ranked sites, mapped surrounding land uses, identified pedestrian accident patterns and detailed specific conflicts at the sites. The company also presented findings to local elected officials and sought their support for the projects.

Urbitran has developed conceptual countermeasures which NJDOT representatives will be presenting to local jurisdictions within the next couple of months.

It is anticipated that the Department will continue this process of identifying and correcting hazardous pedestrian locations throughout the state.

Department contracts for speakers bureau

The Department has contracted with the Rutgers Transportation Policy Institute (RTPI) to develop media presentation materials and offer a series of speaking engagements throughout the state to cultivate grass roots support and encourage local officials to plan for and construct facilities that improve pedestrian mobility and safety.

The Pedestrian Task Force, an ad hoc group consisting of a broad spectrum of citizens and professionals concerned with pedestrian safety, served in an advisory capacity to the Department to promote this effort and to provide input into the scope of work. Outreach for the speakers program will be conducted by the Pedestrian Task Force. Details will be available shortly.

TransAction 1999: April 20, Atlantic City

Department representatives are scheduled to present a panel discussion on the NJDOT bicycle/pedestrian safety initiatives at the TransAction Transportation Conference Tuesday, April 20 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m at the Tropicana Hotel in Atlantic City.

William Feldman, NJDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Advocate, Rose Ann Scotti, Executive Staff Associate and representatives from the Division of Local Government Services and Economic Development will present an overview of the Department's bicycle/pedestrian planning activities and funding.